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Shaykh Ahmad's Dream about the Prophet

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Munificent, there is no success except with Allah, the Powerful, the Knowing. The Shaykh Ahmad ibn Rayhan, attendant (*Khadim*) of the prophetic chamber – upon those who find refuge in it the most excellent prayer and peace – said: "During this night while sleeping I saw the Prophet (ﷺ) and his face was like the full moon. It was Friday night, I was reciting something from the Qur'an, the word of Allah Almighty, the Glorious, and I saw the Prophet (ﷺ) and his face was radiant from light."

He said to me, "O Shaykh Ahmad, you know the condition of my community as to its good and its bad and what issues forth from my community."

And when I saw this beauty I stopped and clasped my hands. Then he (ﷺ) said "You are sinners. Indeed, I have seen at this time 70,000 of whom 700 are in accordance with the faith and the remainder not in accordance with the faith. We take refuge in Allah from this evil, O Shaykh Ahmad."

Then he (ﷺ) said, "I am ashamed before Allah Almighty and the angels because the people of my community disobey their mothers and fathers, and they do not recognize the condition of the poor and the unfortunate. Indeed, they study worldly desire. Do not the *Ulama* have goodness that no one listens to their speech or honors them? The wine session and the distraction of slander is preferable in their opinion to the session devoted to knowledge, *Hadith* and *Dhikr*. We have already sent to them prior to this two messages, and they did not pay attention to the matter, and not one among them saw it? I, Allah's servant, am ashamed before Allah Almighty and before the angels, while they neither have shame before Allah nor before us nor before the angels. While their faces bear the marks of faith, they have reviled the faithful."

He said, "The *Khatib* approached me and said to me, 'Your community fears neither sins nor disobedience. They recite the book of Allah, the Great. O Muhammad (ﷺ), your community commits these sins and they turn their faces. It is your nature, O my beloved, O Muhammad (ﷺ), (to show) mercy upon the believers.'"

Then the Prophet (ﷺ) said to me: "Supply them this paper, O Shaykh Ahmad, Allah's deposition with you. Propagate this message to my people lest they abandon the faith: Obey Allah and the Prophet. Perhaps you will be granted mercy. Only (note that) the thing (i.e. the event) is near. Remorse has no benefit after death. Only (note that) the Resurrection is near. On account of the door of repentance being open, repent unto Allah of (your) sins. You and your faces are the faces of believers but your actions are the actions of Christians and Jews, and you will die not according to the faith. We seek Allah's protection from this evil. Only (note that) the accounting is near. The deed came to pass upon your heads before (the years) 1220 and 1230. In the year forty the corruption will be great and death will be great in the year fifty. Cities will be destroyed in their entirety and signs will appear. In the year sixty stones will be hurled from the sky on the heads of sinners. In the year seventy the sun will rise in the west, and in the year eighty the word of Allah the Great will ring out and afterwards the *Dajjal* will set forth."

Shaykh Ahmad said, "Then I awoke from my sleep and I saw this testimony (lying) to my right, written on green paper." And there was written upon it, "Praise be to him (who has) faith. Whoever hears this letter, writes it, takes it to (his) country and transmits (it), for him the Day of Judgment will be auspicious, and a number of heaven's folk will befriend him. But whoever does not do this with this letter is among the losers."